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GENEVA, OCT. 11, REUTER-THE SECOND PHASE OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS (SALT) BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL OPEN HERE AROUND MID-NOVEMBER, QUALIFIED SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY INTENTION TO HOLD THE START OF THE SECOND ROUND IN VIENNA AND THEN MOVE TO GENEVA, THEY ADDED. THIS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AS A POSSIBILITY IF BOTH SIDES WERE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE DELEGATION FACILITIES HERE IN TIME FOR THE TALKS.

IN THE FIRST PHASE WHICH BEGAN IN 1969 AND ENDED LAST MAY, NEGOTIATING TEAMS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHUTTLED BETWEEN HELSINKI AND VIENNA.

THIS PHASE ENDED WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID BREZHNEV SIGNING A TREATY WHICH LIMITED EACH COUNTRY TO TWO DEFENSIVE MISSILE SITES, AND AN INTERIM FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT LIMITING OFFENSIVE MISSILES IN QUANTITY BUT NOT IN QUALITY.

"SALT TWO" WILL CONCENTRATE ON TRYING TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE TREATY ON OFFENSIVE WEAPONS.
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